

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 14th July 2013

IOTA Contest

The annual Islands On The Air contest takes place as usual over the last weekend in July - 27th and 28th of this month. This contest has always been well supported by Irish stations, with more than 20 logs submitted every year in recent years.

The most sought-after multipliers are those assigned to offshore islands. We see that two Irish offshore island expeditions have already been announced - Ger EI5KF is going back again to Bere Island and will be using the call sign EJ5KF, while the Papa Lima DX Group (EJ0PL), which includes both Irish and Polish operators, are planning to set up on the Aran Islands this year, with an operation from Inis Mór.

Kingstown Regatta

The Kingstown (now Dun Laoghaire) Yacht Regatta of July 1898 is famous for being the subject of the first live broadcast of a sporting event, when Marconi transmitted minute-by-minute reports on the races from a boat in Dublin Bay to a land station in the harbourmaster's office, ensuring the speedy publication of the race results. During the regatta, more than 700 wireless messages about the races were transmitted, and the commercial success of this experiment helped to promote the use of the radio for point-to-point communication without the need for connecting wires.

Next weekend (20th and 21st July) the 115th anniversary of this event is being celebrated in two Dublin locations: at the Ye Olde Hurdy-Gurdy Museum Of Vintage Radio in Howth, where the Howth Martello Radio Group will be in action, while members of South Dublin Radio Club will be at the Maritime Museum in Dun Laoghaire; operations in these two locations will use the call signs EI115MAR and EI115KR, respectively.

Both museums are open from 11.00 am on Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st July, and visitors are welcome.

SD by EI5DI is now Free

SD, EI5DI's HF contest logger is now free, and may be downloaded from ei5di.com. SD supports more than 200 IRTS, RSGB and international HF contests including

IOTA.

Fingal Radio Club

Fingal Radio Club now meet most Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm in the KittyHawks Bistro in the Carlton Hotel on the old airport road just outside Dublin Airport.

We would also like to hear from any amateurs who might be interested in 4 day trip to the UK to visit the enigma machine among other items on display in Bletchley Park Museum.

We hope to do this in conjunction with 11-13 OCTOBER RSGB CONVENTION.

For further details please contact Christopher, EI7AAB, at yeatesdsl/ /at/ /eircom/dot/net or on 087-2463303.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be active as EI2WRC/P from the Butlerstown & District Vintage Society Show on Sunday the 28th of July from Butlerstown, Co. Waterford from 1:00pm. This is a great fun filled family day out with lots of attractions for all the family. There will be a large display of vintage cars, bikes and vintage engines with loads of attractions for the kids including bouncing castles. So if you're looking for a great family day out why not come on down and while you're here drop into the SEARG demonstration where the SEARG crew will be happy to explain all about Amateur Radio to you

The July meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 29th of July at 8.30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a committee meeting at 8.00 pm sharp and as always new members are very welcome.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

DX News

For the past week Vadym UT6UD has been active as FO/UT6UD from the Marquesas Islands. These islands count as a separate entity for DXCC from French Polynesia.

From 14 July Vadym moves the Austral Islands which again count as a separate DXCC entity. He will be there until 22 July and will use the FO/UT6UD callsign. QSLs go via his home call.

Harry AA2WN will operate as ZF2WN from the Cayman Islands until 20 July. He will be mainly on 20 and 17m CW and SSB.

Flavio IW2NEF will be active from Nosy-Be Island off the coast of Madagascar using the callsign 5R8NE from 16 – 30 July. He will take part in the IOTA Contest on 27-28 July and his IOTA reference is AF-057.

A number of stations are active this month to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Russian Robinson Club. Over the years the club has sponsored DXpeditions to a number of rare locations. During July look for stations with a 'RRC' suffix. Activities are planned from European Russia, Asiatic Russia, Croatia, India, Germany, Ukraine, Hungary, Hawaii, Alaska and Bulgaria.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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